THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

Proposals from Chhattisgarh

1116. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals pending for approval in his Ministry from the State of Chhattisgarh till December 31, 2008 and since when they have been pending;

(b) the details of the pending proposals and the reasons for delay in their approval;

(c) whether Government would issue any guidelines to settle the proposals especially those related with energy; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) According to information received, there is no proposal pending with Ministry of Planning, Government of India.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Base to assess the poverty line

†1117. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the consumption in calories is considered as a base to assess the poverty line in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether different institutes have mentioned different amount of calorie consumption for hardworking people;

(d) if so, the criteria in this regard, institute-wise; and

(e) the criteria accepted by Government and the ground thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) and (b) The Planning Commission uses a poverty line based on per capita consumption expenditure of Rs. 49.09 per month in rural areas and Rs. 56.64 per month in urban areas at

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.